

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/533,558 Confirmation No: 4338
Applicant : Alfred Bernhard, et al.
Filed : June 9, 2005
Title : Use of a Hard Metal Alloy
Art Unit : 1742
Examiner : Ngoclan T. Mai
Docket No. : SB-521
Customer No. : 24131

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated May 18, 2006 kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.